

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Tape Measure Attachment**, the specification of which is submitted herewith.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: **NONE**.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: **Provisional Patent Application 60/410,906 filed on September 13, 2002.**

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

Linda Flewellen Gould, Registration No. 31,515, of Gould & Whitley, 1665 Briargate Boulevard, Suite 101, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80920 (719) 531-0994, attorney with full power of substitution, association and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transfer all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

The undersigned, being hereby warned that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon, declares that all statements made of his own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.


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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS [37 CFR 1.9 (f) and 1.27 (b)] - INDEPENDENT INVENTORS

As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9 (c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled **Tape Measure Attachment** described in the specification filed herewith.

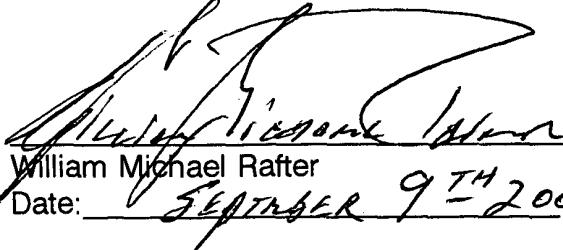
I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9 (c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9 (d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9 (e).

Each person, concern or organization to which we have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

TapeEase, a Colorado general partnership

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. [37 CFR 1.28 (b)]

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.


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